

# **WALKER THE BRITISH**

REUEL BEN LEWI

Servant of the crown  
subject to her royal  
highhandedness

Arms across chest in reverence  
previously unknown. Walker the British  
faithful to a cause now lost

More a British man  
than any man, privileged, could be  
when colour was king in empire.

Walker walked from Kitty foreshore  
to Stabroek square muttering  
Roman catechism

Plied his route with stone held tight in each hand  
armed to pelt his judgement on school children  
who jeered at him in customary child's play

When he died, his legacy, two stones in a coffin  
no jewels royal to display.